

Present: Margaret Koeck, Marlene Lenz, Alyssa Paulsen, Brittany Running, MacKenzie Verkuilen, Eric Markert, Jared Paulsen, Nancy Wilhelm, Peggy Larson

1. **Party In the Park/Back to School Bash** will be held on **Tuesday, August 29** from 7PM to 9PM at Waterfront Park. Holding the event at Lake Winneconne Park had been considered but Waterfront Park is the preferred location for music. Marlene is contacting Silent Point to see if they could perform. BTW would like to give them a send-off since they will be leaving the area for a national tour shortly. The group helped launch Party in the Park with performances in the summer of 2003 and 2004. Eric suggested that if a live bands is not available, the group should look for a DJ that could promote audience participation activities. Marlene will see that a popcorn machine is available in addition to other concessions. Brittany and MacKenzie will take care of posters and promotion. Peggy will make sure information about the event goes home in the middle school and high school newsletters that will be mailed shortly. She will find an alternate location in case of rain (HS commons?)
2. BTW will use back to school as an opportunity to **market the group**. Articles for a newsletter were put on hold in favor of updating the brochure with new photos and quotes from members about the group's activities and purpose. A registration form is part of the brochure. Marlene may include the pill bottle collection project, Halloween Fest, youth advisors on village boards, chili cook off at the Fall Food Festival, big honkin' tree, Holiday on the Wolf, MS Dance, co-sponsor Morse MS visit, Regional Teen Symposium participants, Answer to Cancer Dodge ball Tournament, Car Show games, Party in the Park, etc. Jared will contact 8th grade BTW volunteers to hand out schedules and BTW brochures at the 6th grade Open House August 30 and Margaret will get HS volunteers for the 7th and 8th grade Open House August 31.
3. Heidi Foster of the Winnebago Co. Health Dept. distributed information about the Tobacco Coalition's efforts to secure a **Drug Free Communities Grant**. The consensus was that this was a great fit with BTW's mission and youth members could be identified to attend board meetings and be part of a regional effort. Winneconne Schools and Community recently were awarded a grant for a Prevention Counselor who could provide coordination for this initiative.
4. Selling **concessions** at Marble Park didn't occur this summer but Peggy will contact the HS to see if there are openings for fall HS events.
5. Is volunteer help still needed at the Back to School Fair August 4 & 7? Peggy will contact Cindy Draws.
6. The next big event sponsored by BTW is the Halloween Fest October 28 from 1-3 PM at Lake Winneconne Park. Marlene has arranged with Charter

to be a sponsor, booked a "character" to appear (Sponge Bob), and the village will again donate pumpkins for painting. "Home-built Casket Races" for kids 11-18 will encourage partnering with other youth groups to sponsor teams (school groups like the football team, FFA, Key/Builders Club; community groups like Beat the Heat, scouts, 4H, church groups) as well as classmate teams. The races will be held near 3PM and include cash prizes.

7. The group authorized Peg Larson to spend the money it would take to obtain non-profit status. She will meet with a representative of Clifton Gunderson. Colleen Bisset has offered to donate any legal services needed. It is considered a good investment for the long term.
8. Another fundraising opportunity is being offered by the Fin and Feather through the use of its boat. This and other plans for spring will be explored as soon as practical.
9. **Next meeting is Thursday, August 17 at 6:30, MS Library**
10. **Dates** were selected for first semester so they could be published with the school district calendar: (no meeting in December, project groups may meet additionally)
 - **Thursday, Sept. 21, (same meeting time/location 6:30, MS Library)**
 - **Tuesday, Oct. 10**
 - **Tuesday, Nov. 7**
 - **Thursday, Jan. 11**